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**Art Unit 1725**  
**Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/728,871; Filed: December 8, 2003  
For: **Manifold with Film Heater**  
Inventors: GELLERT *et al.*  
Our Ref: 2107.1970003/TUM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
3. Submission of Replacement Sheets with Revised Figures 2 and 8;
4. Information Disclosure Statement;
5. A listing of the cited documents on Forms PTO/SB/08a (2 pages);
6. Copies of cited documents BA1, BB1 and BC1;
7. European Search Report for Counterpart foreign application;
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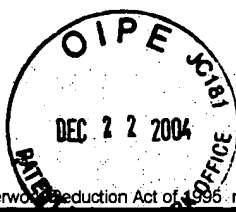
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
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Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are two (2) replacement drawing sheets corresponding to Figures 2, 3, 8 and 9 of the above-captioned application including revised Figures 2 and 8. Accordingly, please replace pending Figures 2, 3, 8 and 9 with replacement Figures 2, 3, 8 and 9 submitted herewith. Identification of the replacement drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

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